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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEARCE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 11, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVAN PEARCE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, Your holy scripture asserts "that everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Show the Members of the House of Representatives today, as they gather to do the work of the people, the wisdom found in the ladder of humility.

The ladder represents our life in this world which You, O Lord, erect to lead us to Your kingdom when our heart is humbled before Your truth.

The sides of the ladder represent our soul and body between which You have placed several rungs of humility and discipline whereby we are to ascend, if we answer Your call.

Life itself has taught us that all exaltation leads only to illusion and, left to ourselves, we can easily slip and fall. Yet as leaders in government, Members must have high aspirations and at the same time be grounded in the people they serve.

Therefore, ascent and descent on the ladder of humility means that we go downward when we exalt ourselves and rise when we are humbled.

We beg You, O Lord, with all humility, that we may see ourselves in this light now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CROWLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 6. An act to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

H.R. 2361. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2419. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 6) "An act to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BURR,

Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. JOHNSON; and from the Committee on Finance: Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BAUCUS, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2361) entitled "An act making appropriations for the Department of Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. KOHL, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2419) "An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BOND, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. REID, Mr. BYRD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. INOUE, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 432. An act to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 1275. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the "Alice R. Brusich Post Office Building".

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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